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Office Action Summary	Application No.	Applicant(s)	
	10/517,678	WILDING ET AL.	
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	Peter Szekely	1796	

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133). Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 June 2008.
- 2a) This action is **FINAL**. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 1-12 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
| 2) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) | Paper No(s)/Mail Date. _____ . |
| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/08) | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application |
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DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The text of those sections of Title 35, U.S. Code not included in this action can be found in a prior Office action.
2. Claims 1-12 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Brehmer et al. 4,717,496, Goldberg 6,475,619 or British Shoe Machinery Ltd. WO 94/03211, in view of Gaku et al. 4,820,769, Oien 5,525,663 or Lees et al. 2006/121225, with Reith 4,939,036 as evidence.
3. The rejection is maintained in view of the “Response to Arguments” below.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments filed 6/30/08 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In Brehmer et al. applicants used a compound which had PVC ground up as filler, nor chalk or wood flour. This makes the comparison meaningless. Two apples do not equal three onions. Goldberg's solution to manufacture materials for shoe stiffening materials is immaterial. Applicants' claims are directed to composition which is a hot melt adhesive. The intended use has no patentable significance. In the case of the WO 94/03211 patent applicants compare the viscosity with the inventive melt viscosity. It is apples and onions again. The molecular weight is not claimed and not less than 10,000 and at least 30,000 encompass 80,000. As far as the secondary references are concerned, applicants argue against the references individually, but one cannot show non-obviousness by attacking references individually where the rejections are based on a combination of references. See *In re Keller*, 208 USPQ 871 (CCPA

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1981); In re Merck & Co. 231 USPQ 375 (Fed. Cir. 1986). Gaku et al. and Oien are cited to show typical processing steps for a hot melt adhesive, while Lees et al. is introduced to show that grinding an adhesive to a specific particle size is obvious. This is an obviousness rejection not an anticipation rejection. Finally, while none of the references cited show the calcium carbonate particle size in the range claimed by applicants, (the particle size of Brehmer et al. is too coarse, the one of Goldberg's is too fine), Reith proves that a multitude of particle sizes can be used in hot melt adhesives. See column 7, lines 64-66, column 14, lines 13-17, column 16, lines 21-25 and column 17, lines 29-30. For hot melt adhesives, see claim 1.

5. The anticipation rejection imposed in the previous Office action is withdrawn by the examiner.

Specification

6. This application does not contain an abstract of the disclosure as required by 37 CFR 1.72(b). An abstract on a separate sheet is required.

Conclusion

7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any

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extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Peter Szekely whose telephone number is (571) 272-1124. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:10 a.m.-4:40 p.m. Tuesday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Harold Pyon can be reached on (571) 272-1498. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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